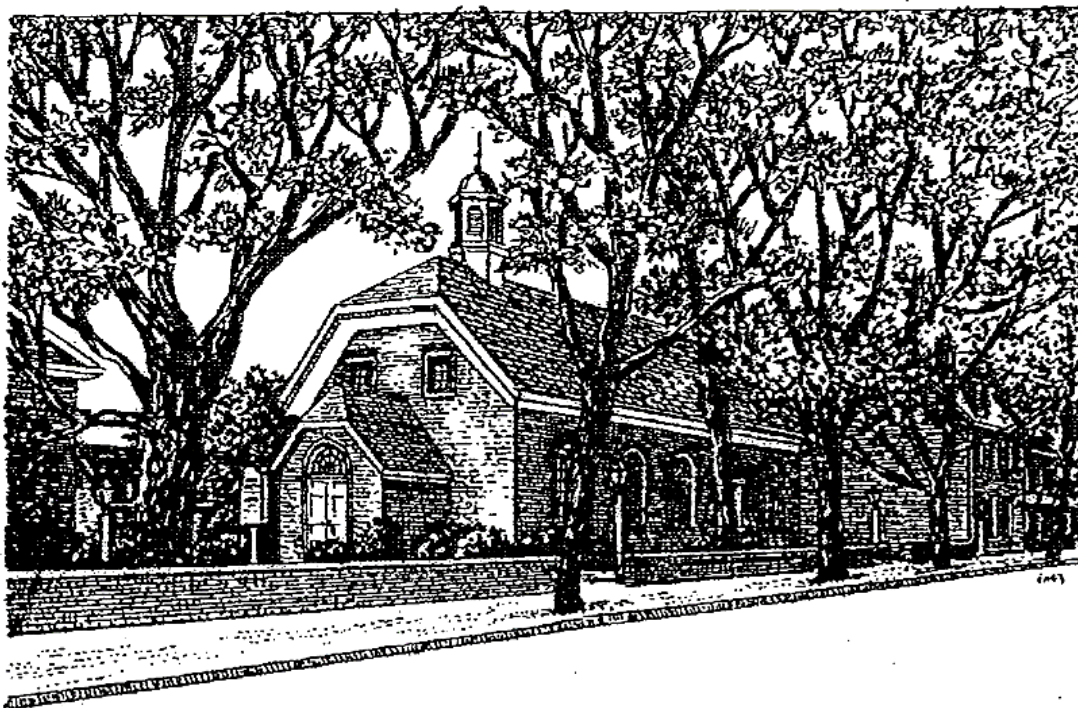


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

## *Our Mission*

New Castle Presbyterian Church offers a nurturing and supportive church community where all are welcomed to join in prayer and song, study and service as all are called to demonstrate understanding, compassion, and acceptance.

By God's Spoken Word and Holy Spirit, we seek to live out the Gospel of the Risen Christ, as we grow spiritually, in strength, and with inclusiveness.

We worship God in simplicity and with clarity; we study God's Word to direct our lives; and we nurture the young and the searchers in our midst.

As a congregation and in cooperation with others, we engage in service and outreach with the local community and the world. We work to feed, clothe, and shelter our brothers and sisters while sharing the selfless and forgiving love of Jesus Christ.

As we have been blessed, we seek to use all that we have to bless others with this good news of grace and joy.

## **Welcome to New Castle Presbyterian Church!**

Whether you are worshiping with us in-person or joining via livestream, we gather today as a community of faith, seeking and serving the God we know in Jesus Christ. May this worship service remind you that you are God's own and that together we are called to live out God's way of love, justice and peace.

### **For folks joining us for in-person worship,**

**Please follow all COVID safety protocols**, which includes wearing your mask during the whole service and maintaining space between yourself and your neighbors. You are welcome to speak or hum the hymns, but we are not allowing congregational singing.

**Restrooms** are located in the Education Building, at the far end of the Fellowship Hall. Ring the bell, and our tech person will open the door.

**Children are always welcome in worship!** While our Nursery Care is not currently available, if you need to step out of the Meeting House for a time, there is a livestream feed available in the Fellowship Hall.

**At the end of worship**, please remain in your pew until an usher dismisses you and exit out the Second Street door.

**A little help** - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a personal seat cushion.

**Worship "code"**: \* = please stand if able    **bold** = all speak together

### **Gentle Reminders:**

Please turn off all cell phones.

The parking spaces on Second Street in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

# New Castle Presbyterian Church

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

10:30 a.m.

**Prelude**

Fairest Lord Jesus  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

**Steeple Bell**

**Words of Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

We worship God with song and dance,  
**Singing God's praise and shouting for joy.**  
We worship God with silence and sighs,  
**Grieving for loss and longing for comfort.**  
We worship God with prayers and hands,  
**Praying for healing and working for peace.**  
Let us create a sabbath space  
**And worship the God who gives us life.**

# Hymn #385

# All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he  
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

TEXT: William Kethe, 1560  
 MUSIC: Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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## **Prayer of Confession**

**Good and gracious God, we know that you call your people to lives of service and works of justice.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our lives just loud enough to drown out your call. Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our days just busy enough to convince ourselves that we have a righteous excuse.**

**We know that you work for the healing of all that is broken in the world. O Lord, heal us of our blindness by your grace. Forgive us, and free us to try again... *(time for silent prayer)***

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Let us proclaim the Good News together:**

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

## **Response #582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. (sing 3x)**

**As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Almighty God, through your Living Word, you show us the breadth of your power and the depth of your love. You listen to our cries of pain and hear our laments. You see the fear in our eyes and know the secrets of our hearts. You do not turn from our distress, but stretch out your hand to heal, to comfort, and to save. Speak your Living Word to us today. Amen.**

## **John 13:1-15**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God*

## **Scripture Conversation with Children**

**Sermon**

*"Then and Now"*

## **Offertory Invitation and Prayer**

**O God, with the enthusiasm of Peter, we pray this day that you would wash not just our feet, but also our hands and our heads! Shower us in your love and soothe us with your grace. Remind us how to be servants of you and of one another, and bless our offerings that all the world may be nourished by your living water. Amen.**

**Special Music** Praise to The Lord, The Almighty by Sandra Eithun  
Minerva Lermond, Ellie Gerhart & Kim Beebe - Bell Trio  
Eileen Larkin - Keyboard

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors;**

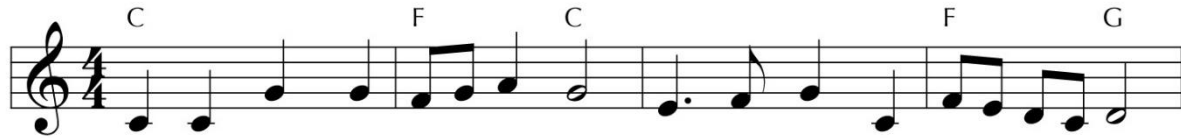
**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

# Hymn #19

# God of Great and God of Small



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,  
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,  
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,  
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

## Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

TEXT: Natalie Sleeth, 1973

MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1973; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012

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GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

7.7.7.7 with refrain

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## Charge and Benediction

**Postlude** Jesus Lives/ Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies arr Larry Shackley  
Bethany Faiz - Piano



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## **Thank you for serving today:**

Worship Leader: Scott Matthews

Ushers: Ringo Keka & Mark Rappold

## **LIVING WATER: VBS TODAY FROM 4-7 P.M.**

We'll gather in the church yard to hear Bible stories, do crafts, sing songs, and play water games. (Rain date - July 14 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.) Children of all ages are welcome at this family event. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to stay; we'll have dinner for the whole family! Be sure to remember a beach towel and bring a donation for our VBS offering.

\*Note that pre-registration is required; contact Pastor Miriam if you have any questions.\*

## **LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD**

As we hear Christ's call to care for our neighbors, our VBS offering will support [Living Waters for the World](#), a Presbyterian non-profit that installs water purification systems around the world. Presbyterian volunteers have shared clean water with over 1,000 communities in 26 countries! Our financial contributions will go toward the installation of even more clean water systems for our neighbors. We'll collect cash and check donations tonight, as well as throughout the month of July. Put a gift in the water pitcher in the church office, and together, we can help Christ's living water flow across the globe.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

We are now accepting applications for the Sunday School Coordinator position for September 2021-June 2022. Interested applications can view the job description [here](#), and email a cover letter and resume to [office@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:office@newcastlepreschurch.org). Members of the Christian Education and Resource Development committee hope to conduct interviews in early August.

## **NCPC HYBRID WORSHIP**

Livestream worship will continue, but you can RSVP now to attend in-person. We will have seven family unit spots available; initially, please sign up for one Sunday each month to allow others to participate. Learn more and sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084aa8af23a4ff2-ncpc1>

For hybrid worship to be possible, we need two ushers to sign up for each Sunday. Learn more and sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084aa8af23a4ff2-ncpc>

Worship Leaders are needed beginning on August 22 through the end of 2021. All resources and instructions are provided. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b44adaa2aa0f94-2021>

If you need any assistance with signing up or have any questions, please contact the church office!

## **SUMMER BOOK GROUP (Rescheduled)**

Due to Wednesday's heat advisory, we rescheduled our discussion of [God and the Pandemic by N.T. Wright](#) until August 25th at 5:30 p.m.

This short book - less than 100 pages! - provides a scriptural and theological framework for faithfully examining our experiences of this past year. Now you have another month to finish the book - or at least check it out from the library!

But even if you don't have a chance to read it, do join us for the discussion. It will be a chance to prayerfully reflect on the church's call in the midst of "tears, locked doors, and doubt," from 1st-century Jerusalem through today.

## **JULY SERMON SERIES: SINGING THE FAITH**

Over the four Sundays in July, Pastor Miriam will explore the history and significance of eight hymns from our hymnal, *Glory to God*. On Wednesday, July 28, at 5:30 p.m., we'll gather in the church yard to sing our faith through those eight hymns. Mark your calendars now for this in-person opportunity to make music and sing God's praises!

## **Prayer List:**

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 [suzieflook@hotmail.com](mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com)

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